Rider's Ala 9th mo 1st 1853

Anne W Weston

Dear friend

Thy esteemed favor of 8th mo 30th came
to me today & hasten to answer it that
thy reply may go to Salem and
Mother Mott who leaves for New York
today. The only question you letter
requires me to answer is where one of
us is. Perin & I will divide the money
needed to carry on the plan you have
in view in reference to G. Thompson.
To this I reply for myself that I it
has an object I approve of & could not
now do, as in the absence of Kimber
he did so much & seems to keep on
organization here in proper working
order. But it is due to my friends
that I should also give my opinion
on the point which seems to

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here relative. whether G. T. should be invited to come to this country, in the capacity you refer to. I do not think it will pay. It will cost too much in money & in thought & an error in judgment. It will cost in other things. A letter from McKim we some time since refers to this subject & I have quite decided views on it I wrote him as follows. 7/19. 53.

"I hear that G. Thompson talks of taking up his abode here. It may be none of my business whether he does or not. But if his idea is to come here & live off of the Anti Slavery Cause & people, as one of the latter deeply interested in the former I protest against it. & know the feeling is very decided here against it. If he feels disposed to come & settle himself to making a living - as Baker does, not make anti Slavery lecturing an occupation, he would

No doubt meet from many a hearty welcome. The wisest plan he could adopt would be to go to some of the Western or North Western states & build up a character & reputation & then by adding to these his knowledge thinking & backing powers, he would not only be a happier but a vastly more useful man. "I know that Father & mother agree with me, so does Marie. I have not talked with any other". Has I not been writing to Mille. with whom I am familliar enough to speak in the roughness of my nature, I might have clothed the same ideas in language less blunt & severe, but I feel & still feel that E. A. would not at all suit on State or on people. They have very little confidence in an indolent man, in one who seems to have so little idea of promises & punctuality who live so much upon stimulants. I have not seen Douglas Article only heard of it but I would not be influenced much from that quarter. Hoping you may be able to read my very poor & hastily written letter I remain your most affectionate Brother

gone to New York – Edwd has just sent this to us to
forward to the dear Anne – I have only
a minute to say that after a hasty pe-
rusal – as well as of thy Letter – both
Jas. Mott & self unite in the opinion ex-
pressed – I hope there will be more
deliberation on the part of those favorable
to L. Thompson's coming here – as an agent
before any encouragement is held out.
The fact of his being a foreigner aside
from other serious objections, would be in
the way of his success –

I feel sorry to differ from
those in whose judgment in the main
I so fully accord – but I much fear
that he would prove himself not
reliable, without more watching
than I can be constantly exercised.
Besides, the pecuniary draft
would be very great – but
you know in that respect, how cautious
I close & perhaps my Candle we Penn-
ell Love
Much Love
Lucretia Mott

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